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Honorable Judge Smith,
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I am writing this letter in regards to the Minus 2. I pled Guilty in your Court on May 31, 2012, and on October 18, 2012 I was sentenced to 168 months. My Offense Level was 31. Since being incarcerated, I have been an exemplary inmate and have accomplished the following: The Drug Education Course, The Ace Attitude course, The Ace Business course, The Ace Marketing course, The Wellness Health Fair, Beginner Crochet Class, Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced Leather Course, and I was enrolled in Victorville Community College for Automotive until I was transferred to Mendota, California. I am currently on the waiting list for Automotive and Building Trades at this facility. I fully understand and take responsibility for the offense that I am doing time for. I have made mistakes in my life, and I am making myself into a smarter and better person, so I don't make the same mistakes that put me in here. I know you hear this from a lot of offenders but I would like to stress that I have learned from my mistakes. I have taken this opportunity to grow as an individual and to equip myself to be a law abiding citizen when given the opportunity to enter the world again. I have enrolled myself in numerous programs and completed every one of them successfully. I am doing everything I can to make myself better and I am utilizing every program and opportunity that is available to me. I have a clean disciplinary record as an offender, and I plan to keep it that way. Unlike many other offenders, I am blessed to have a wonderful supportive family waiting for me when I return to society. I have job skills that will assist me in being a successful law abiding citizen. I was young and made a lot of mistakes, but I will not use that as an excuse... Instead I will use that as a launch pad to go forward in my life from having learned from those mistakes. I realize you have a difficult decision and you only know who I am by this letter and my record, but I am truly a good person that made some stupid choices in my life. I have grown up and matured now. I understand you are probably hearing the same thing from each one of us. I know in my heart

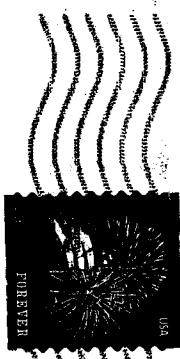
that what I am telling you is the truth. That I will
NOT return to drugs and that way of life. I am young
and have a lot of life still ahead of me, and still can make
something out of my life. I want to make it the best
possible life for me, and that is by being with my family
and being sober. I have nieces and nephews who I want
to get to know, and for me to be able to teach and
help them so they don't make the same mistakes that I did.
I want to be a positive influence in their lives. I have
great parents that I want to spend time with before it
is too late and they are not around anymore. I want to
have as much time as possible with them. I have already
been away from them too much, but that is nobody's fault
besides my own. I miss my family greatly, and hopefully
I will find me a wife and start a family of my own when I
leave here. I know this place isn't for me. I don't want
to live my life like this. I am too smart and too good of a
person for this kind of life. I know that I can be a
productive citizen. I ask that you consider my request
and allow me the opportunity to live a successful life with
my family by granting me this two level reduction. I am
just asking for this opportunity to prove to you that I
can live a successful life in society. I respect your
decision and do thank you for taking the time to read
this letter. Thank you for your consideration. I appreciate
any assistance that you will be willing to provide. Thank
you again for everything and hope you have a great day.

Humbly
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